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SUBJECT: DHEW/OHDS/RSA/SFCP - INVITATION TO MRS. SADAT TO
ATTEND REHABILITATION CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER
4-8

1. MR. JOSEPH E. TRAUB, DIRECTOR OF REHABILITATION ENGINEERING, REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ADVISES THAT VARIOUS U.S. FEDERAL AGENCIES, V.A., R.S.A., NASA, HUD, DOT, NSF, BEH AND NIH ARE SPONSORING AN INTER-AGENCY CONFERENCE ON REHABILITATION ENGINEERING SEPTEMBER 4-8, 1978 AT THE SHERATON PARK HOTEL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

2. CONSIDERING MRS. SADATS EXTREME INTEREST IN THE HANDICAPPED AND THE U.S. REHABILITATION PROGRAM, RSA WISHES TO EXTEND INVITATION TO HER TO VISIT THE EXHIBITS AND OTHER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES OF THIS CONFERENCE SHOULD SHE BE IN THE WASHINGTON AREA DURING THAT TIME.

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3. THIS CONFERENCE WILL DEMONSTRATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE APPLICATIONS OF AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS OF THE HANDICAPPED AND IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND. A GREAT MANY COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE SYSTEMS FOR THE HANDICAPPED WILL BE DISPLAYED AS WELL AS SOME OF THE SYSTEMS NOW IN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH SPONSORSHIP OF THE PARTICIPATING FEDERAL AGENCIES.

4. RSA REQUESTS EMBASSY EVALUATE SITUATION RELATIVE TO POSSIBILITY OF MRS. SADAT'S TRAVEL DURING THAT TIME, AND EXTEND TO HER, IF APPROPRIATE, THE INVITATION TO VISIT THE CONFERENCE WHILE IN SESSION. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE DURING OFF CONFERENCE HOURS FOR PRIVATE VISIT TO THE EXHIBITS SHOULD SECURITY BE A PROBLEM.

5. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THIS CONFERENCE PROVIDES BEST OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ALL TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE HANDICAPPED FROM THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AT ONE TIME.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS ALERTING APPROPRIATE GOE OFFICIALS REGARDING THIS INVITATION. FORMAL INVITATION PASSED TO EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 18. VANCE

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